

REMARKS

General Remarks

With this Amendment, Claims 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, and 19 are rewritten into independent form, and claims 1-10, 13, 14, 17, and 20 are cancelled. Therefore, Claims 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, and 19 are all the claims currently pending in the present application.

The Examiner acknowledges Applicants' claim for foreign priority and the receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Applicants note that the Examiner has failed to consider the references submitted in Applicants' IDS of June 23, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-Form 1449, submitted with the June 23 IDS, with the subsequent Office correspondence.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates that Claims 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, and 19 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten into independent form including the limitations of the claims from which they depend. (Office Action, p. 6). With this Amendment, Applicants amend each of Claims 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, and 19 into independent form including the limitations of each claim from which they depend. No new matter is added. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claims 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, and 19.

Claims 1-10, 13, 14, 17, and 20

With this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-10, 13, 14, 17, and 20 without prejudice.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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